

Claims

1 -6. (cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) A deformable drawing tablet comprising:

a series of individual elongate strips;

means confining the strips together for limited relative longitudinal movement over each other in parallel, coplanar relation, so that respective adjacent longitudinal edge portions of the strips are exposed and combine to form a drawing surface of the tablet and so that a user can shift individual strips longitudinally to deform the drawing tablet and thereby distort an image carried by the drawing surface, the strips being formed with longitudinally extending, locating slots and the confining means comprising a post extending transversely of said strips through said slots in longitudinally sliding relation therewith transversely of the post, a cap member and a base member respectively being secured to opposite, upper and lower ends of the post, respectively, clamping the strips between them as stack, wherein the cap member provides a holder for an eraser for removing an image drawn on the drawing surface.

8. (Previously presented) A deformable drawing tablet comprising:

a series of individual elongate strips;

means confining the strips together for limited relative longitudinal movement over each other in parallel, coplanar relation, so that respective adjacent longitudinal edge portions of the strips are exposed and combine to form a drawing surface of the tablet and so that a user can shift individual strips longitudinally to deform the drawing tablet and thereby distort an image carried by the drawing surface, the strips being formed with longitudinally extending, locating slots and the confining means comprising a post extending transversely of said strips through said slots in longitudinally sliding relation therewith transversely of the post, a cap member and a base member respectively being secured to opposite, upper and lower ends of the post, respectively, clamping the strips between them as stack, wherein the base member provides a holder

for an implement for drawing an image on the drawing surface.

9. (Previously presented) A deformable drawing tablet comprising:

a series of individual elongate strips;

means confining the strips together for limited relative longitudinal movement over each other in parallel, coplanar relation, so that respective adjacent longitudinal edge portions of the strips are exposed and combine to form a drawing surface of the tablet and so that a user can shift individual strips longitudinally to deform the drawing tablet and thereby distort an image carried by the drawing surface, wherein a lateral edge of the tablet is formed by respective longitudinal ends of the strips so that the lateral edge can be formed into profiles of different characters by shifting the strips longitudinally to different relative positions,

in combination with a die for application along the lateral edge of the tablet to shift individual strips into predetermined different positions to form one of said profiles.

10. (Original) A deformable drawing tablet according to claim 9 wherein the die is provided with at least one cut-out by which an image can be stenciled onto the drawing surface.

11-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) A deformable drawing tablet comprising a series of elongate strips, means confining the strips stacked one on top of the other in parallel, coplanar relation with exposed adjacent longitudinal edge portions of the strips together forming a drawing surface and adjacent longitudinal end portions of the strips being exposed to form a transverse side edge of the drawing surface, individual strips being movable longitudinally over each other by a user to form the transverse side edge into a profile of a character so that an associated image can then be drawn on the drawing surface by the user to illustrate the profile, creating an image of the character wherein the drawing